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| " 6c., used | 1 | 03 |
| " 13c., " | 1 | 20 |
| " 5c., " seal brown | 1 | 1 25 |
| Nova Scotia, 3d., blue, used | 1 | 40 |
| " 1c., black, " | 1 | 08 |
| " 2c., mauve, " | 1 | 08 |
| " 5c., blue " | 1 | 04 |
| " 10c., red, " | 1 | 15 |
| P. E. Island, 1d. used | 1 | 35 |
| " 2d. " | 1 | 15 |
| " 2d. " large perforation rare | | 20 |
| " 3d, " | 1 | 15 |
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| " 2c. " brown, genuine error | 1 | 1 00 |
| British Honduras, 2c. on 50c. on 1sh. grey | 1 | 5 00 |
| Western Australia, 1p. green on 3p. brown. | 1 | 20 |
| Annan & Tonquin | 4 | 20 |
| Norway, 2 ore on 12 ore | 1 | 04 |
| Ceylon, 1 rupee 12c. on 2 rupees 50c. | 1 | 60 |
| " 56c. on 96c | 1 | 50 |
| Wurtemburg, 2 marks yellow | 1 | 06 |
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| Canada 2c. Register, carmine, 1888 | 30 | |
| " ½c. black, used | 04 | 30 |
| " 3c. (large) red | 06 | 50 |
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| " 1p. red | 10 | |
| " 2. p olive green | 15 | 1 00 |
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| St. Pierre, Sm. S. p. m., 4 var | | 80 |
| Persia Official | 4 var | 20 |
| Alsace & Lorraine | 7 var | 15 |
| Nicaragua | 4 var | 55 |
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| ½d., Robert Purves, (Wallace) | 50c. | " |
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| " " Circulated | 1 25 | " |
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S. E. SALISBURY,
Warsaw, N. Y.

# The Halifax Philatelist.

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## American Rapid Telegraph Company.

(N. Y. C.)

STAMPS, to prepay telegrams for this company, were issued for the convenience of its patrons early in 1881, consisting of eight values: 1c., 3c., 5c., 10c., 15c., 20c., 25c. and 50c. They were, I believe, issued in sheets of one hundred of each value. They are all of the same general design, being a large figure of value on a ground of *lathe work*, enclosed by a twelve scolloped line. At the top is "A. M." in upper sinister corner; under it, obliquely, in white letters "RAPID TEL.," a white line under this and "CO." in a curved tablet in dexter corner At base, slanting the same, is the word "TELEGRAM" in white letters. Four white pearls on each side, above and below ornamental centre, and shaded scroll in lower sinister corner, ornaments at sides in centre. All on bevelled tablet, indented at corners, shaded at dexter and base. Engraved, 20x25 m.m., perf. 11. Col. imp. on white wove paper.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. 1. | 1c. black | C. C., | —— |
| " 2. | 1c. grey or slate | " | 101. |
| " 3. | 3c. orange | " | 8. |
| " 4. | 3c. yellow | " | 9. |
| " 5. | 5c. olive brown | " | 87. |
| " 6. | 10c. lilac | " | 61. |
| " 7. | 15c. emerald green | " | 35. |
| " 8. | 20c. red | " | 116. |
| " 9. | 25c. pink | " | 142. |
| " 10. | 50c. ultramarine | " | 54. |

The Collect or Unpaid are of the same design as the *Telegram*, save the 1c., which has the figure of value in a circle composed of the words "ONE," repeated many times, and rayed towards the centre. All in the twelve scolloped figure were issued at the same time as the former, and were for the use of the company,—same size and perf. as above.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. 11. | 1c. brown | C. C., | 78. |
| " 12. | 5c. pale blue | " | 49. |
| " 13. | 15c. puce brown | " | 91. |
| " 14. | 20c. olive green | " | 37. |

The Duplicate are a large numeral of *value* shaded *dexter*, in an oblong upright curved framed diamond of *lathe* work, on a shaded bevelled shield, shaded at base and dexter, containing the letters (in color) in German text "A.," in upper *sinister* "R.," upper dexter "T.," in lower sinister "and Co.;" in lower dexter corners the word "Duplicate," on solid straight tablet at

base, framed above and below by two white lines, 3 scrolls, in color, at base of shield.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. 15. | 1c. brown | C. C., | 78. |
| " 16. | 5c. pale ble | " | 49. |
| " 17. | 15c. puce brown | " | 91. |
| " 18. | 20c. olive green | " | 37. |

These, together with the *collect*, were made on one sheet, *i. e.*, a row of collect, and under it a row of duplicate. They come cancelled in a *red aniline ink*, in an *oval* and oblong form the Telegrams, while the "Collect" and Duplicate come only cancelled with the *oblong*, officially. There are some sold by *dealers* containing a hole punched in them, *2 m. m.* in diameter, but these were thus obliterated when the balance of the stock was sold, when the company was merged into the W. U. in the latter part of 1882.

## Stamp Swindling.

THE recent conviction of Coffin at Portland, Me., and of Watters at Green Bay, Wis., for defrauding stamp dealers, is a matter of much moment to the fraternity generally, and will undoubtedly exercise a very wholesome restraint upon those who are inclined to acquire large and valuable collections at the expense of the dealer, and at a minimum cost to themselves. The former pleaded *guilty*, and got 30 days in jail; the latter pleaded *not guilty*, was convicted, and fined $50.00 and costs. Action is covered under the statue providing against using the United States mails to perpetrate a swindle. A collector who removes stamps from a sheet, substituting others either of equal or of inferior worth, can be held liable under a civil action for the full value of the sheet which contained the stamps. A collector can also be compelled to pay the full value of a sheet of stamps, or of merchandise of any character, held longer than permitted in the conditions under which he applies for and receives them. The Andrews' swindle at Boston, Mass., now in the hands of the Chief Inspector, developed on investigation one of the most systematic plans that has yet came to our notice, and showed thorough premeditation. The address was "A. M. Andrews, Jr., Box 17, Jamaica Plains, Mass." The dealer received an official looking letter, bearing the legend, "Andrews & Jones, Attorneys, Temple House, Boston," said letter being signed by A. M. Andrews, and signifying his willingness to be responsible for any goods sent his son (?) on approval. All went well for a couple of months, but pretty soon letters of enquiry began pouring in on the Deputy Postmaster at Jamaica Plain. These were turned over to the Inspector, who at once put his foot in it by ordering all subsequent mail returned to the writers, destroying the only means of catching the swindler, as Mr. Andrews immediately took the note of warning, and when later on it was found that Andrews & Jones were *non-est*, and the whole business exposed, he was not to be found. Every honest dealer and collector has an equal interest in the suppression of such parasites on a worthy profession.

Since the above was written McFarland has been arrested, and it is said is making restitution of his plunder.—Ed.

## Mr. Hechler's Vindication.

AS Dr. Fraser has published parts of Mr. Hechler's correspondence, suiting his own views, we give the letters in full, so that the public can judge them.—ED.

[COPY.]

134 ARGYLE ST., HALIFAX, N. S. CANADA.
18th January, 1887.

C. E. FRASER, JR., ESQ., M. D.,
Lee Centre, New York, U. S. A.:

*Dear Sir*,—Your favor of the 13th instant is received, and its contents have been duly noted.

Your theory that the dies of the Ferry Tokens are in existence and in use is clearly untenable, because the tokens in question were struck to order in England, and the dies were destroyed without ever being brought to America. I am on the spot, and have satisfied myself by thorough and careful enquiries of the facts in the case. About a year since a new Ferry Company was organized, which bought out the property and effects of the old company, and decided on tearing down the old Ferry House. One or two persons who were engaged in the work of demolition found a few of the tokens and appropriated them. Knowing nothing of Numismatics they threw their find upon the market all at once. This was very injudicious, as its effect was temporarily to break down prices. Still the number found was so small that it cannot permanently affect figures, and they must before long recover their legitimate place as rareties. So confident am I of this that I would not offer those that I have if it were not that I am about retiring from the coin business in order to have more time to give to philately.

I receive sales price lists from New York regularly, and I must say that I have seen no quotation so low as $2.05 for unc. tokens nor anywhere near that figure. Used ones recently brought $4 there.

I enclose for your inspection one each of the unc. and of the slightly used, and guarantee that the rest of the lot that I offer are in exactly the same good condition as those that I now send. I presume that it is hardly necessary to request you to handle those specimens carefully, so that if you do not accept the terms that I shall propose below they may come back to me—the unc. one especially—untarnished.

The price that I had set upon and that I expected to receive for the lot that I offered you, viz:—5 unc. and 3 slightly used. was twenty-five ($25) dollars, but if you take them all I will allow you a discount of 20% from that figure, making them twenty ($20) dollars *net cash*. If you only wish to take a part of the lot I will let you have the unc. at $2.75 each, and the others at $2.25 each. These prices are strictly *net cash*. Of course I could get better prices if I chose to wait and peddle them out, but, as stated before, I am giving up the numismatic trade, and I prefer to let them go *en bloc* if possible to a dealer who will appreciate them.

If the above terms do not meet your views please return the specimens that I now send, as I know that I can easily dispose of them at those figures to another dealer.

I have a large number of rare coins and tokens of the British North American provinces of which I can dispose. If any of these would be useful to you please inform me, quoting numbers as per Dr. Le Roux's "Numismatic Atlas," and giving the prices that you are willing to offer for them respectively.

Hoping to be favored with an early reply, I remain

Very truly yours,

(Signed.) HENRY HECHLER.

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(COPY.)

184 ARGYLE ST., HALIFAX, N. S., CANDDA,

19th May, 1887.

C. E. FRASER, JR., ESQ., M. D.,

Lee Centre, New York, U. S. A.:

*Dear Sir*,—Your favor of the 15th instant is before me, and its contents have been duly noted.

Your proposal to return the Ferry tokens to me is simply preposterous, and such as I cannot entertain for a moment. I sold them to you with guarantee of their genuine character, which guarantee I now repeat unreservedly, adding that there *never were any restrikes* of these tokens. I obtained mine directly from the parties who found them in tearing down the old Ferry House. I cannot agree to support my guaranteed transactions to the bold and unsupported denials of dealers who are interested in temporarily decrying the value of these goods. The only acceptable authority in the matter can be the Halifax Ferry Company, who have fully satisfied me on the point of the impossibility of such restrikes ever having been made. Of course it is open to you, if you wish to do so, to enter an action against me on my guarantee, and I think the trial of the case would prove an interesting one.

In regard to the stamps submitted to your approval, while I am willing to sell them, I do not wish to even appear to force them on you, and shall be quite satisfied to have you return all or any part of them that you do not want.

The token transaction is closed and, besides, stands by itself, so that it cannot be mixed up with my stamp business in any case. I have entirely retired from the coin business and will not re-enter it.

Hoping that by return mail you will either send back my stamps or else remit for them. I remain,

Very truly yours,

(Signed.) HENRY HECHLER.

To this letter was appended a written guarantee, of which the following is a copy:—

184 ARGYLE ST., HALIFAX, N. S., CANADA.
May, 1887.

I hereby guarantee that the Halifax Ferry Tokens, purchased from me by Dr. C. E. Fraser, Jr., of Sec. Centre, New York, to be genuine originals, being part of a lot secured by me from the parties who found them while tearing down the old Ferry House.

(Signed.) HENRY HECHLER.

(SEAL.)

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(COPY.)

184 ARGYLE ST., HALIFAX, N. S., CANADA,
23rd August, 1887.

C. E. FRASER, JR., ESQ., M. D.,
Lee Centre, N. Y., U. S. A.:

*Dear Sir,*—Having waited a fortnight for a reply to my last card, I now write for the last time before publishing your name as a swindler, and sending it out as such to philatelists everywhere.

Perhaps I ought to have taken warning by your conduct respecting the coins, for you then kept me waiting on a transaction that was arranged to be cash by return mail for over two months, and cost me postage and valuable time on repeated letters before I got the money out of you. Still I accepted your excuses, relied on your honor and honesty once more, and thus again gave you the opportunity, which you embraced, to swindle me. Your prate about *wanting* to do what is right and to be honest is just so much nonsense, and you know it, for its falseness is proved by the course of SWINDLING which you have deliberately adopted in this matter.

If your Attorney, to whom you say that you submitted our correspondence, is as unprincipled a man as your conduct shows you to be, he is much more likely to lead you into trouble than out of it.

As for me I am willing that every word of our correspondence be made public, and to abide by the issue. You may write to any one in this city—I am well known here—and ascertain all about me. I defy any one to say about me one tithe of what you have given me the right and opportunity to write about you.

It may be that your practice is too limited to enable you to command the money to be honest to me, for if you conduct yourself professionally as you have philatelically you are simply a disgrace to an otherwise noble calling. Presuming, therefore, that you cannot raise the amount of $17.50 that you owe me at one time,—and that is my only reason for making the proposition—I will accept ten ($10) dollars now *on account*, reserving the right to fight you for the balance afterwards. Awaiting your reply by return mail, I remain

Yours truly,

(Signed.) HENRY HECHLER

## Watermarked Stamps of Canada.

AT the Annual Meeting of the C. P. A., Toronto, 20th Sept., the President mentioned to the writer that he had both the 1c. and 3c. red, 1868 issue of Canada adhesive postage stamps, watermarked. Had a view of the 3c. once before, and it is spoken of (as appearing on paper, watermarked with the maker's name) in a paper on the stamps of B. N. A., read before the Philatelic Society of London, Eng., on Jan. 8th, 1870, by W. D. Atlee. No mention is made of the 1c. similarly watermarked, or of the 3c. on laid paper. On looking up some of these stamps recently, and after the removal of 5 or 6 layer of paper from backs, I found a 1c. with watermark of T. U., thick Roman letters, about ½ in. long, and on a 3c. letters V. or W. H. similar in character and size. They are the only watermarked stamps of Canada I have ever found, and conclude they are rare.

F. J. GRENNY.

## CHRONICLE.

**Afghanistan.**—There is a new type of the abasy, measuring 28 m.m. in diameter, instead of 26 m. m.

**Argentine Republic.**—The new 1c stamp will bear the effigy of Dr. Velez Sarsfield, and the 20c. Gen. Julio A. Roca. The government not being satisfied with the lithographed stamps, has contracted with the South American Bank Note Co. for a new series, and *Le T. P.* illustrates the 3c., which it says is very well engraved. It has the head of President Celman, above which, on a curve, is "Republica Argentine;" below is "Tres Centavos" and in upper corners figures of value.

**British Bechuanaland.**—The 5sh. Cape has been surcharged, and the 1d. and 2d. lilac are now surcharged on Her Majesty's head, with "1d." in black and "2d." in red.

**British Honduras.**—The two cent red on 50c. on 1 shilling grey is found with the surcharge two in black.

**Belgium.**—The 5 + 5c. card is new frame design, as the current 5c., with the necessary additions.

**Canada.**—We have a used copy of the 5c. registration green imperforate.

We are not sure, but we think we have seen that the bisection of certain stamps, already noticed in those of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, was extended to some of those of Canada. However, as we cannot put our hand on any record of the fact, we may mention that a correspondent has sent us a portion of an envelope with 10c. in violet brown, and half an one of 5c. vermilion, side by side, and obliterated over the two. The 5c. is very much oxydised, and the combination was doubtless used to represent the packet rate of 12½ cents. It is only one item more of presumptive evidence that these bisections were made by the officials of the P. O. when letters were handed in with cash for the postage, and no stamps of the particular value were at hand to make up the postage rate.—*Ph. Record.*

*Le Timbre Poste* illustrates two essays for Canada, value 12½c. and 15c. They are almost the same design as the present stamps but much smaller, being the size of the present 1 cent.

**Ceylon.**—The 4c. envelope is now surcharged "Five Cents" in black in two lines above the stamp. The 12c. registered envelope has this surcharge, "Fifteen Cents," in large capital letters, also in two lines.

**Costa Rica.**—The new 5c. stamp is surcharged "Guanacaste" in black in two styles, 16½ + 4 and 14 + 3 m.m.

**Denmark.**—Mr. Rechert has shewn us new cards and letter cards. The former are of the type of 1879: 3 ore and 3 + 3 ore, gray; and 5 ore and 5 + 5 ore, green, all on white card. The letter cards are headed "Korrespondance-Kort," have the Arms at the left and stamp at right, "Til" below with four dotted lines. They are of the values of 4 ore, blue, and 8 ore, carmine, on pale buff and white inside. There are also to be new stamps, including official wrappers, of 4 and 5 ore, and official cards of 3 and 5 ore.

**Faridkot.**—The stamp of the first type comes in green and in black, and the *I. B. J.* illustrates a new stamp of similar design, but clearer and much better engraved. It is blue and perf. 12. *Le T. P.* also illustrates a new type somewhat resembling the second, and also perf. 12¼ a blue, two shades.

**Great Britain.**—The ½d. band has the instructions now in four lines instead of five. The £1 stamp has now three globes for watermark.

**India.**—*Der. P.* says that a 1 rupee stamp, lithographed, and made in India, was in use from the 16th to the 31st July.

**Liberia.**—The cards are now white.

**Luxemburg.**—The 5 + 5c., 10c., and 10 + 10c. cards have had the inscriptions altered, same as the 5c., noted last month.

**Martinique.**—We omitted to note the "01" on 4c.

**Natal.**—The 1d. printed in violet has been surcharged with new values in carmine—4 shillings violet and carmine.—*T. P.*

**New South Wales.**—The 20 sh. stamp is about 25 m.m. square, and bears the portraits of the Governors in 1788 and 1888. Perf. 10 ultramarine blue. A new 1d. card is in preparation, with the new type of stamp. The new Jubilee 2 pence is out, printed in a dull blue. The design is as follows: An oval centre, containing an image of the Emu, on a band above "ONE HUNDRED YEARS" beneath "TWO PENCE," in each of the four corners one of the words New South Wales postage.

The 1d. envelope and wrapper of the centennial type is out. The 1d. centennial type is surcharged O. S.

**Orange Free State.**—The 3d. blue has been surcharged "2d" in black.

**Philippine I.**—We find two varieties of the surcharge, 2½ on 1 cent.

**Prince Edward Island.**—We have a used specimen of the two-pence pink rouletted.

**Straits Settlements.**—Two new high values stamps have been issued for this country, 1 dollar green, value in black, 2 dollars green, value in blue.—*T. P.*

**St. Vincent.**—The 6d. is now printed in lilac, watermark C. A. and crown.

**Switzerland.**—The 5 and 10c. cards are now inscribed, "Côte réservé á l'adresse, Lats riservate all inderizzo, Nur für du adresse."

**Tolima.**—We have a new 5c. and 10c., and the *I. B. J.* mentions a 50c. and 1 peso. The Arms are in the center, and the inscription reads, "Republica de Colombia, Departamente del Tolmia. Correos." and the value. The colors are respectively, red, green, blue and brown. Perf. 10½.

**Tunis.**—We have received a 1 franc stamp of same design as the others, and printed in bronze green, same as the French stamp of same value.

**Venezuela.**—*Le T. P.* gives illustrations of the high value Escuelas made by the American Bank Note Co., 3 bolivars violet and 10 bolivars brown. The lithograph stamps ceased to be current Aug. 11th, and *Das. P.* gives the following list of them :—

CORREOS.—Perf. 12, 25c., rouletted 5c., 25c., 50c., 1 bol., unperf 5c., 25c.

ESCUELAS.—Perf. 12, 5c., 25c., 1 bol., rouletted 5c., 25c., 3 bol., unperf. 5c., 25c.

Summary execution has been ordered of all the lithographed stamps, as appears by a decree of the 26th June last, published in the Official Gazette of the 9th August last, and a subsequent notice from the P. O. The decree sets out with stating that it has been ascertained that a quantity of stamps of fraudulent origin, which are sold with knowledge of their unlawful origin, are in circulation, and it has therefore been resolved by the President that as soon as the stamps ordered from the American Bank Note Co. arrive, the current issue shall be called in.

On the 11th Aug. last a notice was issued by the postal authorities of Caracca. that in conformity with the provisions of the above mentioned decree, the public was informed that from and after that date no correspondence would be received at that office which was not franked by stamps manufactured by the American Bank Note Co. of New York.—*Ph. Record.*

## NOTES.

WE have to thank Mr. Henry Gremmel for a copy of his new price list of U. S. and Foreign Stamps. His prices are cheap. and we can recommend our readers to give him a trial order.

THE address of Mr. Leighton, the Sec'y of the C. P. A., has been changed from Orangeville to 67 Denison Ave., Toronto.

IT may interest some of our readers who collect revenues to know that the Canada 1868 3c. and 6c. postage stamps have been used as bill stamps. We have seen them used so on the original notes.

"L. T." has written us in regard to the value of Canadian tobacco band and labels. In reply we would say that there is no catalogue of these stamps, and very few collectors, and the cash value we are thus unable to tell. Would he please send name and address.

ONE of our city collectors has unearthed a rarity in P. E. I., viz: a two-pence *rouletted*. This is something never before heard of, and shews what may yet be found. The stamp was used, and was on part of original envelope; it has a fine wide margin, and shews the roulette cuts plainly.

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LOOK out for our Dec. No., we are going to have a good one; amongst other good things an article by Major Evans, another on Nova Scotia Provisionals, illustrated by an artotype plate, which will be given to subscribers only. So send along your subscriptions and advertisements and get the benefit of this No.

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## THE CANADIAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

### OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

19 DENISON SQ., TORONTO, Nov. 3rd, 1888.

*To the Members of the C. P. A.:*

GENTLEMEN,—I have not had the pleasure of reporting to you since July last, and I feel that an apology is due. Since my last report was sent in we have had considerable trouble with the official organ, and I think you will consider a little explanation quite in order. After sending my July report I heard nothing of the official organ until the July-August combined number appeared on the scene, about September 1st. Our Convention, as you know, was held in this city on September 19th and 20th, and the HALIFAX PHILATELIST was then elected official organ, with the understanding that if the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* suspended before the expiration of its term the HALIFAX PHILATELIST would fill the unexpired time. Before leaving Toronto I was informed that the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* would continue until Christmas, and I duly prepared and sent in to Mr. Lowe a lengthy report (some 10 or 11 pp. of foolscap) of the convention, &c Soon after our President wrote me to the effect that the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* had suspended, and I then wrote Mr. Lowe to forward my report to the publisher of the HALIFAX PHILATELIST. I did not hear anything further concerning the matter until a short time since the President again asked me to send in my report. This considerably surprised me, thinking, as I did, that Mr. Lowe had forwarded the report, and I again wrote Mr. Lowe. After several fruitless efforts to elicit a reply from that worthy gentleman I have given up in despair. All this delay and bungling has greatly impeded the progress of the Society and seriously retarded its growth, but I believe we now have a journal worthy of the office. I can therefore only ask those applicants, whose admission to membership has been so long delayed, to kindly overlook the matter, and I can promise to be punctual with my reports. Mr. Jno. M. Hubbard has most generously offered to send his paper, "*The Stamp World*," free to all our members, and I would call the attention of prospective members to this additional benefit. I think I may with safety, on behalf of the Association, thank Mr. Hubbard most heartily for his very liberal donation.

The following have been dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues, 32, 103, 113. Below are lists of applicants and new members:

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Yours fraternally,

J. A. LEIGHTON,
*Sec'y C. P. A.*

## CHALMER'S-HILL CONTROVERSY AND THE C. P. A.

*To the Editor of the Halifax Philatelist:*

SIR,—I cannot pass unnoticed one thing in the proceedings of the late Convention of the C. P. A., and that is the attempt to have our Association support Chalmer's claim to the invention of the postage stamp. Now, I think those present did a very sensible thing by putting that resolution under the table, as the only means of preserving harmony in our ranks. I claim it would be an unjust use of a proxy to vote for such a claim, when I believe that by far the greater majority do not see their way clear to support Chalmer's claim. These proxies were not given for that reason, and therefore the "springing" of this resolution did not justify even the support it got. Out of 27 votes cast in its favor a U. S. member *dropped in 24 proxies* in its favor; only *one* Canadian supporting him. Chalmers, Jr., seems to have plenty of money; did he make this attempt to "carry our fort by storm," or was it a bold bid to get us to recognize him. I respect every man's opinions, and admire all who favor and can support their claim, but British fair play and justice we must have, and I object to forcing down Pat. Chalmers' ideas into my mind. I have received Chalmers' circulars and pamphlets,—every one he has issued—and I have read them thoroughly, and I do not wonder that he has won the sympathy he has in the U. S., where he has distributed his pamphlets by the thousand, besides sending books, postage stamps and photos as inducements to read them. To read his pamphlets one would think he had it all his own way; that Chalmers, Sr., was an ill-used and unfairly-treated man. But look at the other side, hear what the London Society have to say; hear what the Quaker City Philatelic Association have to say; read Pearson Hill's "Origin of the Postage Stamps;" read Major E. B. Evans', and George Henderson's answer to the Chalmerites,—all this and more too—and then I say you will agree with me that the Chalmers' craze is a "bugbear." Mr. Chalmers has a bad cause, and all the money he spends cannot bolster it up; and in Hill's pamphlet he is shown up in his true light. In his twenty-seven circulars and pamphlets he has so kindly sent me he has not established one iota of his claim. The only Society in the U. S. which, without prejudice or undue haste, considered this question in all its phases for months, came to the conclusion "That the testimony advanced by Patrick Chalmers in favor of his father does not establish the claims advanced. That if he had been the inventor it would have been acknowledged long ago; and that in his *proofs* advanced he has not deduced sufficiently strong reasons to change our resolve that Mr. James Chalmers *did not* invent adhesive postage stamps." Now, a discussion on this subject is so much space thrown away, and I do not intend to enter such, suffice it to say, "hear both sides before you make up your mind."

Yours philatelically,

JOHN R. HOOPER,
*Vice-Pres. C. P. A*

We understand that Secretary Leighton, who has been studying law for the past three years, has given up that study, and has decided to enter the ministry. He is taking a course at Trinity College, Toronto. His address will be 67 Denison Ave., Toronto.

Our duty as Official Organ begins with the January issue, and being the commencement of our 3rd year, we have decided to make no alteration in style or size of our Journal until then. Our many friends and supporters, to whom we are indebted for past kindness, we trust will have the satisfaction to look at us in our new attire with pleasing results.

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Official Organ, HALIFAX PHILATELIST.

### Meeting of Oct. 29th, 1888.

MEETING opened at 8.30. President Craig in the Chair. Members present: Messrs. Craig, Crane, King, Hart, Smith E. A., Shannon, Kaye and DeWolf. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. There being no business on for the evening, Mr. Craig gave an account of the Convention. On account of the absence of the auctioneer no sale was held. Meeting adjourned at 10 P. M. until Monday evening, Nov. 13th.

D. A. King, *Sec'y.*

### Meeting of Nov. 12th, 1888.

MEETING opened at 8 30. V. P. Crane in the Chair. Members present: Messrs. Crane, King, Hart, Larsen, T.; Hechler, Mathers, Gass, Smith, A. E.; DeWolf, Kaye, Larsen, O.; Francis and McPherson. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Mr. J. C. Calder, of Windsor, was proposed and elected a member, No. 27. There being no other business on the usual auction sale was held, and at which some rareties sold cheap, as: U. S A. 5c. red brown to Gass, for $3.20; 5c. brown ornaments, one to Hart for $1.25, and one to Gass for $1.80; 30c. 1868, grilled, for 50c. Meeting closed at 10.30 p. m.

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